

**Infrastructure Development on Post Harvest Handling**

**2044. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Central assistance is being provided to Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure development on post harvest handling, storage and marketing facilities to farmers for their crops particularly of vegetables, fruits and flowers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):**

(a) and (b) Central assistance is being provided for development of post harvest infrastructure facilities for horticulture crops etc. to States/Union Territory Governments including farmer's organisations/ Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)/Private Corporate Sector etc. in the States/Union Territories. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) has provided financial assistance under its scheme namely 'Integrated Project on Management of Post Harvest Infrastructure for Horticulture Produce (PHM)' for setting up of post harvest infrastructure facilities for handling of horticulture produce and cold storages, etc. and in another scheme namely, 'Development of Marketing of Horticulture Produce through participation in Soft Loan (Marketing)' for marketing and processing of fruits, vegetables and flowers in the State of Madhya Pradesh to various organizations. The Board have also sanctioned three proposals through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), another organization under the Ministry of Agriculture, during 1999-2000 under the scheme namely, 'Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages/Storages for Horticulture Produce' in Madhya Pradesh. The Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI) under the Ministry of Agriculture in its scheme for development of infrastructure facilities also provides financial assistance for establishment of cold chain facilities for

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horticultural produce. Besides, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Commerce, has a financial assistance scheme of infrastructure development for post harvest handling, storage and other facilities, such as, pre-cooling and mechanical handling etc., under which exporters avail of the financial assistance. The details of financial assistance provided to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh including various organisations in the State during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 are indicated in the statement enclosed (See below).

(c) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Details of Financial Assistance Provided for infrastructure development on Post-Harvest handling etc. to Madhya Pradesh during last 5 years (1995-96 to 1999-2000).*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Financial assistance released/provided				Total
	NHB	NCDC	DFPI	APEDA	
1995-96	27.71	56.92	Nil	Nil	84.63
1996-97	70.00	100.82	Nil	Nil	170.82
1997-98	78.00	251.70	50.00	5.00	384.70
1998-99	292.45	105.28	74.00	Nil	471.73
1999-2000	255.00	129.99	Nil	Nil	384.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>723.16</b>	<b>644.71</b>	<b>124.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>1496.87</b>

N.H.B. - National Horticulture Board (NHB).

N.C.D.C. - National Cooperative Development Corporation

D.F.P.I. - Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI).

APEDA - Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).